







Jerry Parker holds his string of fish he caught on July 1st at the Coffee County Pond. The large one weighs 9 lbs. and the three smaller ones total 5 lbs. His bait was a black Flip Tail.



Faye Farris displays her 7-pounder and 6-pounder that she caught at the Coffee County Pond on July 5. She used chicken livers for bait.



Barry Farris holds these two catfish which weigh 17-3/4 lbs. together. Barry caught the whoppers with chicken livers at the Coffee County Pond on July 5.

#### CUB SCOUTS ARE SAVING POTATO CHIP BAGS

The Cub Scouts of Elba are saving Golden Flake potato chip bags in order to be able to bid on a bicycle that they would like to win and be able to give away a Christmas time.

The Cub Scouts have a box at the City Highway, where the bags can be deposited. Anyone who would like to help them with this project is urged to do so.

**Look in the Classified First!**

#### BULLETIN BOARD

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AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. each Thursday at the hospital

Elba City School Board - 1st Thursday night at 7:00.

BPW meets the 2nd Monday of each month.

Lions Club Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday Nights 7 p.m. Holley's Restaurant.

The Pilot Club will meet on 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 at the Big R.

American Legion meets 1st Tuesday at Legion Home at 7:00.

Water & Electric Board - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Weight Watchers new meeting place - Courthouse Court Room at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

The HRDC Office on Putnam Street invites participation in the ceramic & sewing classes each Wednesday afternoon.

#### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Now we have a whole bunch of folks who are offering to serve in our city government for four years. There is a tremendously wide selection of people for us to choose from and for this I am thankful. It is not unusual for me to disagree with someone about who will do the best job, but if the voters will turn out and vote go vote, I am confident we will elect a majority that has the ability to serve us in the way we want to be served (or can afford).

Looking over the list of candidates for mayor and council, I find more than one incumbent that is worthy of mine and your vote. I also find several challengers who will make fine city officials. The problem in my case is that in the six races, I have found twelve people I would like to vote for and some others I could vote for. On the other side of the coin, there are six candidates that I ain't going to vote for under any conditions! Yet I have enough respect for them to know other people feel differently and some of these six could be elected.

With my history of a poor win-loss record in politics, I am trying to pick me TWO candidates for every office. Then if or when my number 1 candidate is eliminated, I haven't really lost them all, cause maybe my number 2 candidate will be in the run-off. When it is all said and done, I express my warmest thanks to twenty-four people who have offered themselves as candidates for office this year. If you never serve, you haven't done your part to preserve democracy for our children and grandchildren.

I heard a few fishing tales during the past week but didn't believe most of them and you wouldn't either. The only one I got personally was getting caught in a thunder storm Saturday evening and standing in the woods on the "other side of the pond" until 8:30 waiting for the lightning to go away so I could paddle across to my truck.

One more look at city politics - If any candidate starts politicking on the grounds our police department is no good - you can bet I will not be voting for that candidate. No doubt the department needs improvement in some area or another but dozens of people have told us in months past that Elba now has the best police department overall it has ever had! True there are more officers and they are making more money but during these modern times, if one employer doesn't offer a forty hour work-week someone else will or the government will make you. Even with the higher pay they are now making, many departments are starting to hire officers for beginning officers higher than our chief makes and the State of Alabama would hire any one of our officers and pay him more money! Therefore let's not tear them apart, but work with them in improving their work.

I have heard a lot of complaints because Elba did nothing to honor our 200th birthday. While looking around for a scapegoat, I keep looking back at us. Far to long we have sat in our easy chair and waited for someone else to do the work and then we join on taking the praise. When something goes undone such as celebrating our 200th birthday, we must all carry a certain amount of the blame just as we want some of the praise.

The above is also true about Elba not having a Chamber of Commerce. Every person who mentions it feels it is a shame we don't have a Chamber in Elba. Beginning now (or yesterday) I am starting a little page in my little secret file. It will include the names of all those who feel we should have a Chamber of Commerce and one day we old editor will call a meeting and expect everyone of you who are on file to join me in getting the Chamber going again and going with a bang! I may even buy the coffee if we find someone I can get credit.

#### SPEAKING OUT

Dear Ferrin:

I think the people of Elba are getting taken for a ride by the people who are supposed to be serving us. It seems to me some questions should be answered before we put any of them or anyone else in office.

The two outstanding decisions made by the Elba City Council this last year were:

(1) Voted to give themselves a pay raise and

(2) Voted a new election tax on all goods bought in Elba.

Ferrin, my information might be wrong, but I understand that the councilmen will draw \$250.00 each month and the mayor will draw \$350.00 each month. Now I don't think that part-time officials of a little town like Elba deserve such high salaries for the little that they are called on to do.

Now, sometimes I understand that they do put on a show down at City Hall, but from what I understand we should sell tickets to those attending - not pay them out of tax money.

Ferrin, I understand town much larger than Elba do not pay their councilmen. Why should we in Elba do so? Do we have so much money that we need to get rid of it, or do we have to do this to draw quality people into running for the City Council? I don't think either one of these are true facts.

I know we underpay a lot, if not all, of the hardworking men and women who work for the City. For example the hospital workers are tempted to leave Elba General because of higher salaries in all the towns around. We are lucky indeed to have a fine police chief and policemen considering how low their pay is. I saw last week where our school teachers needed some money, but the City Council was afraid they couldn't pay out what the school teachers thought they needed to teach our children. They gave them about 1/2 what they needed.

Why don't they put those unearned salaries back into the City where it can be used to take care of our sick people in the hospital, or used to raise our policemen's salaries or someone else's salary who works for their living. I don't think a little town like Elba can afford high paid politicians. We have had some good men in the past and we did not pay them but about \$20.00 per month, and that was for car gas and oil to travel to the Council meetings.

Everybody's free to vote for who they think is honest and will do a fair job. As for me I'll vote for anyone who will promise to work for doing away with these high salaries that have been voted on by the pre-



#### O.E.S. INSTALLS OFFICERS

A beautiful Installation Ceremony and Open House was held July 1, 1976, in the Masonic Hall when the Elba Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star installed their 1976-77 officers. A patriotic theme was used for the decorations in the social hall.

A gift from the Chapter was presented by Mary Whitman to the Past Matron and Past Patron, Lynne and Henry Peacock, with an expression of gratitude for their faithful service during the past year.

Gifts were also presented to the officers who had served during the 1975-76 term by the Past Matron and Past Patron.

Installing the new officers in this impressive ceremony were:

Installing Officer - Mary Whitman  
Installing Marshal - Mary McCall  
Installing Chaplain - Alene Zigler  
Installing Organist - Simmie Flowers  
The elected officers who were installed were:  
Worthy Matron - Evelyn Houtt  
Worthy Patron - Basil Whitman  
Associate Matron - Mary Flowers  
Associate Patron - James Moore  
Conductress - Virginia Reeves  
Associate Conductress - Jean Moore  
Secretary - Jean Parrish  
Treasurer - Felicia Reveal  
The appointed officers were:

Chaplain - Lynda Berry  
Marshal - Mamie Harrison  
Organist - Beth Dubose  
Aid - Geraldine Matthews  
Ruth - Sharon Fillion  
Ester - Deloris Mills  
Martha - Eula Chancellor  
Electa - Ann Ammons  
Warder - Maude Price  
Sentinel - Foy Reeves

The Worthy Matron announced that there would not be another meeting of the Chapter until the regularly scheduled meeting on the second Thursday in August.

Delicious refreshments in the red, white and blue color scheme were served by Virginia Reeves and Evelyn Houtt to the members and guests who were present.

sent councilmen.

Thank you,  
A CITIZEN OF ELBA

EDITOR'S NOTE: You included two pennies with your letter. I am not sure if this means you are voting two cents' worth of opinion or you feel our city officials are not worth "two cents" (?) Other than that this one question follow your letter and appreciate your writing, even though (or because) some of your information needs correcting.

The council did add a one-cent sales tax recently just as you stated, and they did vote a \$20 raise for the councilmen. However, the councilmen's pay will now be \$80 per month. BEGINNING with the next administration (re-elected or newly elected). The mayor's pay was increased from \$250 to \$350 (again to take effect when new administration takes office). This is not just because they are good-hearted, smart, etc. - it is because they need to pay what they are worth.

Anyone who knows will tell you that a mayor spends an average of one-half of his time on city business (day and night) and with this thought in mind, I personally feel the \$350 is far from being too high for a person who is qualified and will put the effort into the job - in fact let me put in a plug now for us to consider in the future getting the necessary laws passed to make the Elba mayor's job a well-paying FULL-TIME job. A person working full time for Elba would pay his way a hundred times over.

As far as my personal opinion of the salary the councilmen will be getting, I would not have voted for the \$20 raise, due to the economic condition of our city. But I would also consider \$40 an insult to my abilities if I were serving. I would rather serve for nothing than to have people fuss because I was paid too much.

FERRIN

Shop your HOME TOWN SHOPS First

THE ELBA CLIPPER EDITOR

Since I have set the record straight about the "high salaries," our readers can be assured that we do edit and our unknown "Speaking Out" letter writer are both voting for people who are honest and will do a fair job. I invite you other voters to use your good judgement and do the same - even if you don't vote the same way I vote.

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#### AROUND ALABAMA RUBY

Ruby Folsom Austin

Sometimes you can tell a lot about a man by the way his office staff regards him. So, it is surely indicative of something or other that Alabama Attorney General Bill Baxley's office force hoors him yearly with a big birthday celebration wot wildly beyond a mere staff party. From all reports it was a super birthday blast. An abundance of space had a lot to do with the proportions of this year's party. Some staffer had the bright idea of pitching the party on our capitol city's latest attraction, the spanking new river boat, the General Montgomery (I still say it ought to have a woman's name). Anyway, about 250 well-wishers showed up. Those who know Bill are aware of this pure catfish to spectator sports. He's about the biggest U. of Ala. fan I know. As a matter of fact, ever since Alabama started playing bowl games on New Year's Eve, it's ruled that holiday for Bill, he gets so uptight. And now that Alabama's basketball team has reached the top of the barrel, Bill's become their ardent fan, too. You can imagine how thrilled Bill was when U. of Ala. quarterback Robert Friley showed up to present him with a football autographed by the entire team AND famed basketballer Leon Douglas presented with a similarly autographed basketball. Down at the dock, before the sailing, my son-in-law Gov. George Wallace, made a brief birthday speech (Cornelia is a Folsom now named Wallace. If Melba's a serious contender, another woman in the race would really jumble it up for her. Well, I hope some morn' candidates do turn up. The least Shorty Price, I'm sure looking forward to what promises to be a rip-snorting race!

Y'all come Ruby

#### DEATHS

MARY ANN DORMAN

Mary Ann Dorman, age 61 of Elba, died Friday, July 2. Graveside services were held at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Sunday, July 4, at 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Ralph Hendricks officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Annie Jim Polmar, Troy; two sisters, Mrs. Irene Lawrence, Monticello, Ga.; Mrs. Frances Pickett, Birmingham; and two brothers, W. W. Spears, Wabesa, Fla.; W. D. Spears, Selma.

MOSES KILLINGSWORTH

Moses Killingsworth, age 73 of Elba, died July 1. Services were held July 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pine Level Primitive Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery with Elder James Donaldson officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Georgia Weed Killingsworth, Elba; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Cooper of Elba; one son, Mr. Louis Killingsworth, Brantley; one sister, Mrs. Lela Legg, Brantley; and one brother, Carl Killingsworth, Andalusia.

#### Alabama Trucking Assn. News

T.K. Dorsey and George Collier of Elba assume duties July 1 as members of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Trucking Association. Dorsey, associated with Henry Dorsey Used Trailer Sales, is a past president of the Association. Collier, President of Dorsey Trailers, was re-elected to this office as an Association director on May 1 at the ATA Convention in Biloxi.

#### C.B. Club To Meet Saturday

Coffee County C. B. Club will have their regular meeting Saturday night, July 10, 7 p.m. at the City Pool. All members are urged to attend. Visitors are invited.

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#### New Practical Nursing Students At McArthur

Freshman Practical Nursing Class of McArthur State Technical College has donated their new uniforms and are on their way for their first tour of Mizell Memorial Hospital prior to their practical work at the hospital. Students are: Left to right - Sybil Lowery, Kingston; Susan Dole - Andalusia; Barbara McKinney, Kingston; Mavis Biasi - Elba; Nellie Brown - Enterprise; Joyce Dorsey - Opp; and Debbie Caraway - Florida. Also not shown are Nell Tompkins - Brantley; and Maxine Williamson - Gantt.







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## MOTOR POOL

BY GREG BRUNSON CLIPPER RACING ADVISOR

Lightning-filled skies caused the rushing through the races at Twin City Speedway this past Saturday night, but the quality of the races was as good as ever. Jack Young (Elba) had the fastest qualifying time of the evening with a very fast 17.42 while Nix Bruce (Do) was second fastest with a 17.64.

These two cars were once again the two entries in the Helmet Dash, and once again, Jack led for all five laps and the victory.

The second race of the evening was the Late-Model Sportsman Slow Heat race, Pop Cole (T. Winton) went from the pole position into the lead. Knowles took over. Knowles led for the last nine laps and an easy victory. Kirt Smith was second with Joe Jordan finishing third.

The third race was the last race for the Helmet Dash. Tim Wilkerson, driving the car of suspended driver Charles Parker, had the pole position with Tommy Courson on his right. Courson pulled into the lead and stayed there for all 6 laps. Courson was followed to the finish line by Tim Hughes, Joe Smith and J. B. Scott.

The 1-365 fast heat was the last before the feature races. Jerry Still had the pole position while Bob Davidson was driving his "Little

Darling II," had the other front row honor. Davidson led for the first two laps until on lap 3, when he, Jack Young and Bobby "Ho-to" Snell-grove all got together in the second turn. Young was then able to take the lead and stretch it for the last 9 laps. Nix Bruce blew his engine on lap 8 while running a strong second, but this gave Jack Young the victory. Scott was second, followed by Harold Spicer and Bruce.

The first of the two feature races was the Hobby Feature which had 7 entries. Joe Smith and J. B. Scott had the front row for this big race. Scott led for the first 10 laps until James Johnson powered around him for the lead for laps eleven and twelve, and the victory. Scott was second with Johnny Fuller in third.

The last race was the 1-365 feature which had 8 cars entered. Jerry Still and Bob Davidson shared the front row honors for this big 25-lap race. Davidson led for the first two laps. On lap 3, Jerry Still carried too much speed and went for the turn and spun out over the turn toward the parking lot. When the green flag came back out, Jack Young quickly took control. He led for the last 23 laps and the victory. Davidson finished second while Harold Spicer, driving his spectator class car, did a fine job of driving to finish third. Tom Knowles and "Ho-to" Snell-grove rounded out the top five in this big race.

J. B. Scott proved that he was good at banging other cars around this past Saturday by winning his second straight Demolition Derby at Twin City.

Elba Motors defeated Opp their long bats and eased twice Sat. Night to capture the championship. A repeat of the game before with Motor Co. winning 12-4.

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Elba Motors softball team. From left to right: Tim Bowers, David Ham, Kenny Morris, Greg Parker, Tim Williamson, Standing L to R: Coach Jeff Bimbo, Scott Berk, Shane Meeks, Johnny Hooks, Mike Mitchell, Randy Miller, Andy Hardwick, Billy Daniels, Fredrick Reed, Chuck Person, Coach Herb Earl Williams, Tim Bowers, and Kenneth Maurer.

These Babe Ruth All-Stars will travel to Greenville July 19, to battle the winner of the Troy-Andalusia game. Time for the game has not been set. Kneeling L to R: Perry Fuller, Carl Hamm, Dennis Smith, David Suttley, Ashley Young, Rick Harrellson, Franch Thomas, Vince Bowers, Coach Richard Brown, Standing L to R: Coach Hugh Martin, Byron Foley, Bobby Hall, Greg Ellenburg, Mark Davis, Marty Marler, Gary Bradshaw, Kelvin Belcher, Q. P. Carpenter, Freddy Thomas, Coach Wayne Marler.

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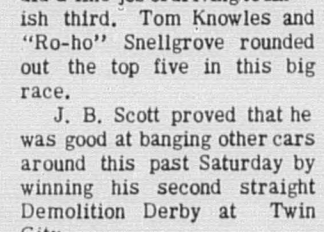
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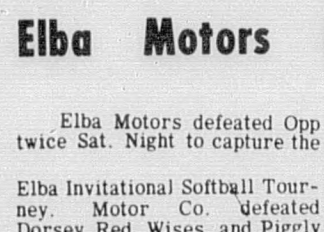
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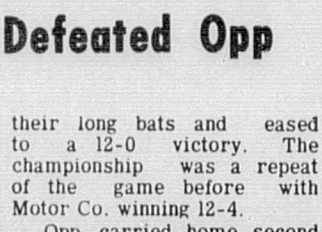
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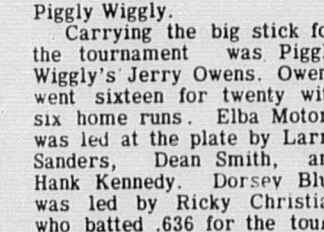
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